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ELON + NEWS

Beth Schmidt Park Playground named for former Mayor Pro Tempore Ron Klepcyk

On Monday, September 20th the playground at Beth Schmidt Park was dedicated to former Mayor Pro Tempore Ron Klepcyk. Mr. Klepcyk served on the Board of Aldermen for 20 years from 1999 to 2019 but that was only a part of his long history of dedication and service to the Town of Elon. In June, his service to the Town of Elon was recognized when he received the prestigious award of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. This award is bestowed on the honoree by the Governor of North Carolina for service to the State. Thank you for your service, dedication, and many years of commitment to making Elon a wonderful town.



TOWN MEETINGS

Board of Aldermen

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the meeting schedule may change. The meetings are being held in person and through online technology with access provided through a link on the website.

Agenda Session Nov. 1 6PM
Regular Session Nov. 9 6PM
Agenda Session Dec. 6 6PM
Regular Meeting Dec. 14 6PM

Planning Board

Tuesday, November 16 6PM
Tuesday, December 21 6PM

Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, November 15 6PM
Monday, December 20 6PM

Holiday Closures

The Town Administrative Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Veterans Day Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Nov. 25-26
Christmas Dec. 23-24, 27
New Years Dec. 31

Find out more at
www.townofelon.com/events.

Chief Alva Sizemore: 45 years of service to Alamance County

Alva joined the Elon Fire Department in 1977 during his senior year in High School as a volunteer. He received his Emergency Medical Technician certification after turning 18 years old, a six-month training course, which he passed. During his tenure in the fire service, he has seen a number of changes including improved training options thanks to technological advances and changes to the equipment used. Other changes he has seen specifically in Elon include the expansion of Station 8 in 1988, the building of the Training Tower in 1999, and the building of Station 18 in 2005.

Alva's career took him to a number of positions throughout Alamance County. While he remained a volunteer for the Elon Fire Department, in 1990, he was hired by the City of Burlington Fire Department and spent 5 years with them. In 1995, he became the Assistant Chief for the Elon Fire Department until 2007 when he became the chemical planner for the Alamance County Fire Marshal's Office where he dealt with every conceivable hazardous material situation. He was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal in 2010. During this time, he also completed the Level III Fire Inspector certification and the Fire Investigator certification. He also served as the County's Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. While at the Fire Marshal's office, Chief Sizemore served as the Fire Chief for the North Central Alamance Volunteer Fire Department and though not currently Chief is still a volunteer with their fire department. In 2015, he became the Fire Chief in Elon. During his tenure, the Elon Fire Department became a town department with 18 full time staff members, 5 part time staff members, and 23 volunteers. He is the first full time paid Fire Chief for the Town of Elon.

When asked about his most memorable moment, Alva said it was becoming the Fire Chief in Elon. In his wildest dreams, he never expected that. He gives thanks to God for guiding him into the service and his wife, Dee, and their family for their support of his career. His last official day with the Town of Elon is November 30th and he will be greatly missed.

Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and sacrifice for the Town of Elon and all of Alamance County.



Monthly Water Bills - Working out the issues

Approximately two years ago, Elon made the decision to move to an automated meter reading system, which saves staff time previously devoted to physically reading each water meter in town. In addition, the new system allowed us to join nearly every other utility with a monthly billing cycle, rather than a bi-monthly cycle. Our hope is that monthly billing will make it easier to budget, thereby reducing the number of people who face late fees, delinquent charges, and service disconnection. This past spring, the Board of Aldermen endorsed the schedule switching to monthly billing on October 1. Starting back in July, we have tried to keep everyone up to date on the schedule, what it would mean as far as due dates, late fees, etc.

Our first monthly billing has shown some kinks in the system - timeliness of our vendor and delays at the Post Office to name just two of them. Because of late arriving bills, we will not be charging late fees for your October bill.

As with any new endeavor, there will be issues and complications that come up. We ask for your patience as we work through those that we can correct. We would also ask you, as our customers, to consider some of the alternatives to the US Postal Service that are available to you when paying your bills:

- Sign up for emailed bills, which will arrive much sooner than USPS mail
- Investigate the option on-line payment portal that we provide at no cost
- Investigate the option for an automatic draft from your account to the Town, again available at no cost
- Investigate using your banking institution to pay your bills through its online portal
- For those of you who are not comfortable with online banking and bill paying, we always accept payments at Town Hall, either in person or via our two drop off locations.

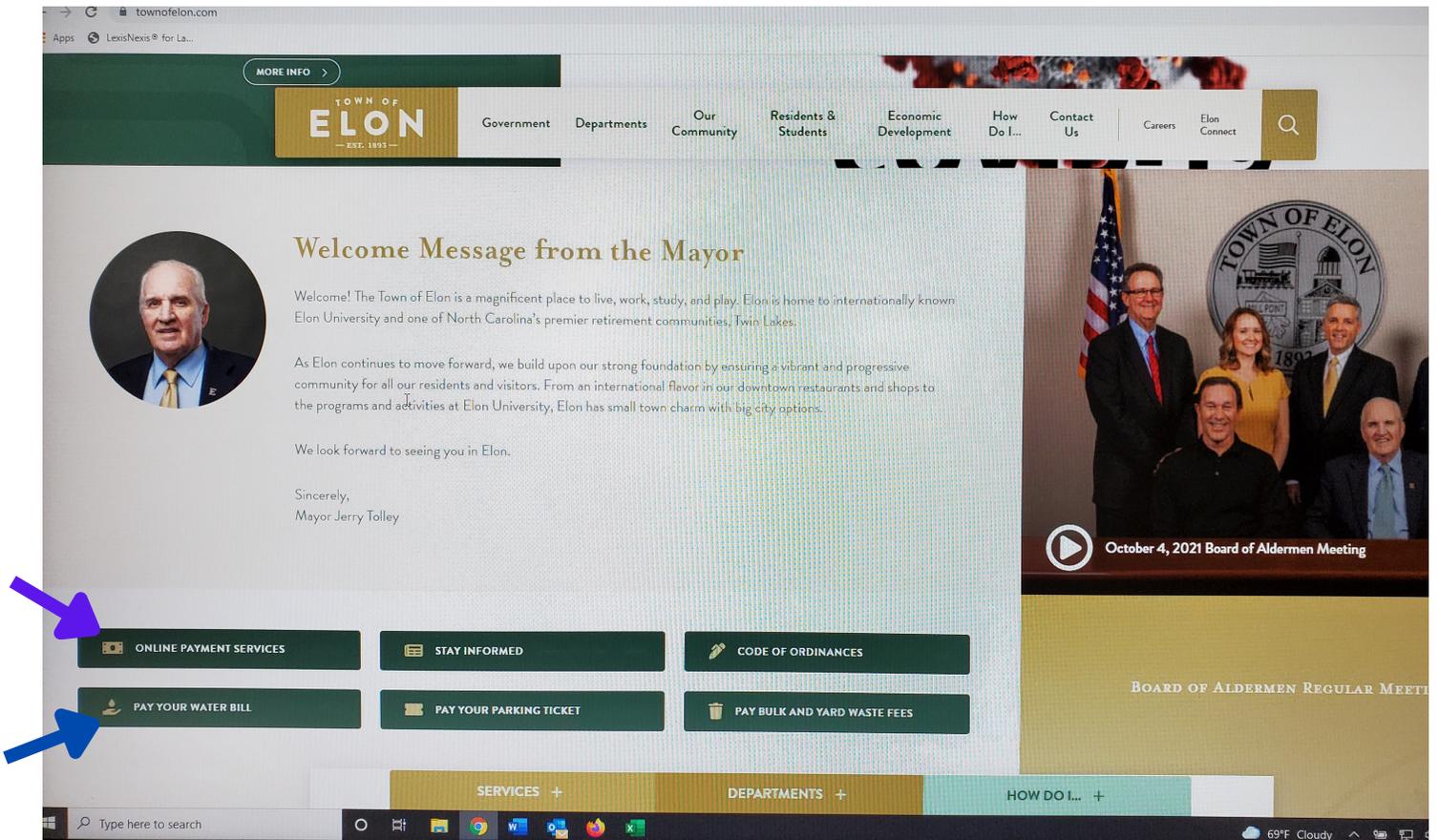
Public Input Session - Haggard Avenue Corridor Study

Please join us for an online public meeting to discuss Phases 2 and 3 of the Haggard Avenue Corridor Study on November 18th from 5:30 - 7 pm. Your input is needed in order to make the study meaningful to a wide range of users of this important corridor. For more information, and for the link to join the meeting online, please visit the Town's website at www.townofelon.com or contact the Planning Department at 336-584-2859.



Where is that online payment option?

We have heard your requests about locating the online payment services webpage on the Town of Elon website and we made a couple of adjustments. Below is an image of the Homepage and where to locate the Online Payment Services and new payment tabs for paying your water bill, parking ticket, or bulk and yard waste fees. To find these tabs, go to www.townofelon.com and scroll down below the large rotating images and there, underneath the Mayor's Welcome Message, you will find a green tab saying Online Payment Services (see the purple arrow) and tabs to pay specific payments (see blue arrow). We hope this helps you locate this information more quickly in the future.



Welcome New Town Staff!

Help us welcome our newest team members. Mary Kathryn Harward is joining us as a member of the Planning Department. Debbie Newell is a member of the Finance and Administration Department. David Kissner and Kesha Lineberry joined the Recreation & Parks Department. Officer Steve Alderin joined the Elon Police Department.



Mary Kathryn Harward



Debbie Newell



David Kissner & Kesha Lineberry



Officer Steve Alderin

Congratulations!

The Elon Police Department recently promoted two members of their team and we wish them a hearty congratulations - Assistant Chief Lyle Anibal and Lieutenant Kedrick King.

Assistant Chief Anibal has been employed at Elon since 1995. He has worked in a number of assignments including Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Detective, and Lieutenant. Lyle brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Elon Police Department. Additionally, he is a decorated and recently retired Chief Petty Officer in the Naval reserves. During his time in the reserves, Lyle was deployed to active duty four times.

Lieutenant King has been with the department since 2017. Kedrick began his law enforcement career as a Deputy at Caswell County Sheriff's Office and served as a Sergeant with the Elon University Public Safety and Police before coming to the Elon Police Department. Kedrick was promoted in 2019 to Sergeant on Patrol. He was promoted to lieutenant after a rigorous process, which consisted of a four part assessment scored by individuals from outside agencies. As Lieutenant, he will oversee the Patrol division which consists of four (4) Sergeants and eight (8) patrol officers. Kedrick graduated from A&T with his Bachelors and recently completed his Masters degree in Homeland Security. He has his advanced law enforcement certification and is a General Instructor.

Congratulations to both Assistant Chief Anibal and Lieutenant King!



Asst. Chief Lyle Anibal with
Chief Kelly Blackwelder



Lt. Kedrick King

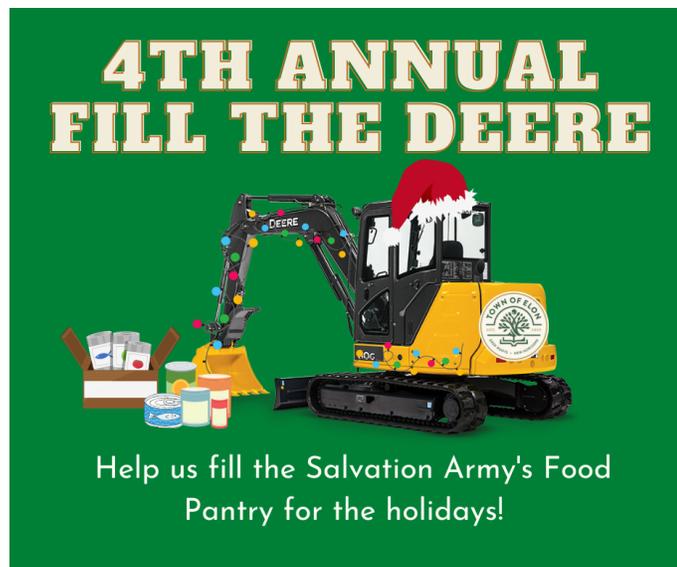
Introducing a new tool for public fire safety training: the Fire Safety House.

The Elon Fire Department has a new tool to educate the public on fire safety: the Fire Safety House. The Fire Safety House is an inflatable educational house used to teach fire safety to school kids and is available for any public function. Inside the house are stations that describe good safety practices in the kitchen, when using candles, how to use a fire extinguisher, and how to do an exit drill at home. In addition, the fire department can simulate a fire situation by using smoke, which enables the children and adults to practice escaping. If you would like to request the Fire Safety House, please contact Captain Jacob Flint at 336.586.1002. Captain Flint and the house are based out of Station 18.



Fill the Deere Food Drive

The Elon Public Works Department is kicking off the Annual Fill The Deere Food Drive on Monday, November 1st. Help us fill the food pantry at the Salvation Army of Alamance County. Donations of non-perishable goods can be placed in the blue bin located next to the John Deere excavator located in the Town Hall parking lot. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, December 21st.



Holiday Events

Makes plans to celebrate the holidays here in Elon.

- Tuesday, November 30th is Elon University's Annual Festival of Lights. Come out and enjoy the luminaries on campus and downtown. More information can be found here: <https://www.elon.edu/u/truitt-center/events/annual-programs/>.
- Friday, December 3rd is Christmas in the Park. Head over to Beth Schmidt Park to visit with Santa and so much more. Event begins at 6pm until 8pm.
- Saturday, December 4th is the Annual Santa Fun Fest. Head downtown for the Santa Fun Run, Carolers, and the Downtown Tree Lighting. The fun begins at 5pm until 7pm.

Additional information on these events can be found on the Calendar of Events at www.townofelon.com/events.



TOWN OF ELON RECREATION & PARKS PRESENTS... *2021 Style*

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Beth Schmidt Park
2150 ELON PARK DRIVE, ELON

SAVE THE DATE
WWW.TOWNOFELONPARKS.COM
FOLLOW US @ THE ELON REC & PARKS SCENE

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Santa Fun Fest

Join us for the fun!
Santa Fun Run
Carolers
and S'mores!

Need to talk to us? Call 336.584.3601.



For more information and details for upcoming events, visit www.townofelon.com.